

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended and claims 8-16 are added. No new matter is added by these amendments. Support for the amendment to claim 1 can be found in Applicants' specification on page 1, lines 9-14 and page 7, lines 25-27, for example. Support for new claims 8-16 can be found in Applicants' specification at Figs. 4 and 5, for example. Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/00507052 to Katsuzawa et al. (hereinafter "Katsuzawa") in view of Japanese Publication No. 06-1214962 to Takao. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claim 1 recites "a motor winding, corresponding to a lead wire for externally connecting a coil of a stator, and hardened by permeation of varnish as affected varnish treatment."

The Office Action, on page 2, admits that Katsuzawa does not disclose a motor winding being subjected to varnish treatment. On the other hand, the Office Action equates claim 1's lead wire to Takao's cable line 4, which is subjected to varnish treatment. However, Takao also discloses a method where varnish is prevented from permeating through the cable line 4 even when the varnish treatment is carried out. (*see* Office Action, page 3 admission and Takao's paragraph [0019]) In other words, even when Takao's varnish treatment is applied, the varnish does not permeate through cable line 4. Thus, Takao's cable line 4 is not hardened by permeation of varnish, as recited in independent claim 1.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejects claims 2, 3, 6 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Katsuzawa in view of Takao as applied to claim 1, and further in view of U.S. Patent No.


5,132,584 to Sasamoto et al. (hereinafter "Sasamoto"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Sasamoto fails to overcome the deficiencies of Katsuzawa and Takao as mentioned above, with respect to independent claim 1. Thus, at least in view of the patentably distinct features of independent claim 1, as well as for the additional features recited therein, the rejections of claims 2, 3, 6 and 7 should be withdrawn. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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